Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are not some of them appointed before the introduction of the Staff Selection Board?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* "Other Hindu, Backward or depressed]". May I know to wh ch community he belongs?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I am not sure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether all these four do not belong to the Anglo Indian Community?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No. I think Europeans are also included under this, etc. The Reserve Inspector is a European.

BUS FARES—RATES OF

263. **Mr. P. Narayana Menon** *(Trippunithura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the rates charged by the Service Bus Owners throughout the State are with the approval of the Government;

(*b*) if so, the principle followed by the Government in fixing such rates;

(*c*) are these rates uniform throughout the State;

(*d*) if not, why?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissiner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The fares prevalent on 27th Vrischigam 1118 were increased by 25 per cent considering the increased cost of maintaining the buses due to war conditions.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) It is not possible to have a uniform rate for all routes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Police is not aware that in the Madras Presidency bus-fares have been fixed at uniform rates, distinction being made only between hills and plains?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There is no such thing in Madras.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON OFFICIAL BILLS

The Hindu Widows' Re-marriage Bill

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ബില്ല് ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നപക്ഷം ചില സമുദായങ്ങളുടെയിടയിൽ വലിയ ക്ഷോഭമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതും, ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽതന്നെ ഇതു് അവസാനിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വരുന്നതുമാകകൊണ്ടു് ഇതു് ഇപ്പോൾ ആലോചനക്കെടുക്കേണ്ടതില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I second it.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member for Mukundapuram Ezhuvas and the general trend that this House seems to adopt that this Bill cannot be got through during the life of this Council I am prepared to accept the suggestion that it may be adjourned.

The Prevention of Dowry Payment Bill—Mrs. K. Joshua

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Womens-Trichur):* Sir, I move that the Prevention of Dowry Payment Bill be read in Council.

Mrs. A. N. Menon *(Womens-Ernakulam):* I second it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, In view of the facts mentioned by my friend Mr. Panickar I move that this Bill may be postponed.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Womens-Trichur):* I oppose it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I second it. May I give my reasons for seconding the motion for postponment?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member may speak on the Hon'ble Lady Member's motion that the Bill be read in Council. No body has seconded the motion of Mr. Iyyu.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I have seconded it.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member was too late.

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